



## Senator Earl “Buddy” Carter

### Senate District 1



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter was born and raised in Port Wentworth. He attended public schools in Chatham County and graduated in 1975 from Groves High School. From there he went to Young Harris College where he received an Associate of Science degree. He then transferred to the University of Georgia where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in 1980.

Buddy worked as a staff Pharmacist and Pharmacy Manager at Rupert Heller's Prescriptions on Hwy 80 in Garden City from 1980 until November of 1988. On November 28, 1988 he opened his first Retail Pharmacy, Carter's Pharmacy, Inc. in Pooler. In 1992 he opened another business, Carter's Institutional Pharmacy, Inc., a business servicing nursing homes, personal care homes and hospices. In 1996 he opened his second retail pharmacy in Garden City and in 2006 opened a third location in Rincon.

In February of 1997, Buddy sold his Institutional Pharmacy, then servicing approximately 2000 nursing home beds throughout South Georgia, to Omnicare, Inc. Omnicare, Inc., located in Cincinnati, Ohio, is the largest provider of nursing home medications in the world. Today, Buddy still consults for Omnicare and continues to own and operate the three retail Pharmacies in Pooler and Garden City.

From 1990 through 1994, Buddy served on the Planning and Zoning committee for the City of Pooler and was Chairman from 1992-1994. In 1994 he was elected to the Pooler City Council and served as Mayor Pro-Tem until 1996 when he was elected Mayor. He served as Mayor of Pooler for five terms from 1996-2005. In 2005 he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where he served until September of 2009. On November 3, 2009 he was elected to the Georgia State Senate representing District 1.

Currently, Buddy serves on the Board of Trustees for the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum, Young Harris College and The Coastal Bank.

On September 9, 1978, Buddy married his college sweetheart, the former Amy Coppage from Waycross. Amy is a Registered Physical Therapist, having graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy degree. Buddy and Amy have 3 sons: Joel, a graduate of Washington and Lee University who lives with his wife Megan in Charlottesville, VA; Barrett, a graduate of the University of Georgia, who lives in New Orleans, LA; and Travis, a sophomore at the University of Georgia.

The Carter family has lived in Pooler since 1980 and now resides at 406 Purple Finch Dr.

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